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Louisiana Ethics Administration Program P.O. Box 4368
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Re: Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Louisiana Ethics Board:

My name is Christopher Pulaski, and I am the Director of Planning and Zoning for Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government. In my capacity as Director, one of my duties is to administer the Parish Subdivision Regulations including applications to the Zoning and Land Use Commission (ZLUC) and the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission (HTRPC) for various zoning and planning approvals and approvals for proposed subdivisions of land. The ZLUC and HTRPC are two separate commissions consisting of the same nine members (two appointed by the Parish President and seven appointed by the Parish Council). The commissions rule on zoning and subdivision applications. At these meetings, I often participate in discussions regarding the applications as well as provide a recommendation on behalf of Staff and Parish Administration.

Currently, we have one vacancy on the ZLUC and HTRPC which is a Council appointed position. My spouse's sister's husband has expressed an interest to me in submitting his name and resume to the Council for consideration for appointment. I told him that I would prefer to get an opinion first as to whether this would be considered nepotism or possible conflict of interest. We do not have any business dealings together, do not own any interests in movable or immovable properties or investments together, nor does his career in the oilfield industry as a safety manager seem to conflict or create a conflict of interest with the normal dealings of the Zoning and Planning Commission or my department. He would seem to me to be a capable commissioner and would serve the public well, so I would hate to pass up a good potential commission member, but we also want to be sure that there is no conflict of interest or nepotism that would be in violation of state or local laws.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (985) 873-6569 or email me at cpulaski@tpcg.org.

Best Regards,

Christopher M. Pulaski, PLA Director of Planning and Zoning

Cc: Council Reading File

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